ban on the approved Space Programme during the Eighth Plan period and feels confident that with suitable adjustments, the programmes could go on. Long term measures as appropriate with necessary outlays to ensure timely action for self-reliance are also underway.

(b) Government regret the US decision to impose sanctions against ISRO. The peaceful nature of our space programme is well known. We have reiterated that the cryogenic engines and related technology being sought by ISRO has no military applictations and will only be used in the Geo-synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) development programme for putting our satellite in orbit for the purposes of weather forecasting, telecommunications and resource survey. The US maintains that sanctions against ISRO and GLAVKOSMOS were mandated by its legislation which does not make any distinction between technology for space launch vehicles and missiles as long it exceeds the parameters specified under the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR).

Indian Space Research Organisation contribution to defence potential

1636. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States are worried about Indian Space Research Organisation's possible contribution to defence potential of India; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISETR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The space programmes of ISRO are for peaceful purposes only.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, where is the Prime Minister? Where is the Home Minister? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Where is the Prime Minister? We want that the Prime Minister should come before the House. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Papers to be laid on the Table? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): We want the Prime Minister. Please call the Prime Minister. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let the Papers be laid first. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: What papers are they going to lay on the Table? (*Interruptions*)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs (Legislative Department)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, I, on behalf of Shri G. Venkat Swamy lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Punjab State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1987, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs (Legislative Department):—

(1) Notification dated 11th July, 1991, publishing the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Super-session) Second Amendment Act, 1991.

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